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SARANAC LAKE, NEW YORK

Oct. 30, 1931

American Numismatic Society
Broadway + 156^E St.
New York City.

Gentlemen,

I would be greatly pleased if you would acquaint me with the requirements for membership in your society. I cannot claim the possession of much of a collection, but the subject is one in which I have maintained an interest for quite a few years.

Thanking you for your courtesy, I am

Yours very truly,
Charles F. Nettleship, Jr.

May 2, 1931

Mr. Charles F. Nettleship, Jr.
32 Park Avenue
Saranac Lake, New York

Dear Sir:

Your note of the 30th is at hand. The requirements for Associate Membership are notesevere - merely such as you describe plus a statement from two or more references. I take pleasure in sending you an application card - if you can let us have it early next week it may be possible for us to present your name at the next meeting of our Council, on May 8th.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

CHARLES F. NETTLESHIP, JR.
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May 4, 1931

Mr. Sydney P. Noe, Secretary
The American Numismatic Society
New York City.

Dear Sir,

Thanks you for your communication
of May 2nd with application card enclosed.
I return the same herewith.

I am pleased to refer you to
Hon. Ernest J. Heppenheimer, President
The Colonial Life Insurance Co. of America
Jersey City, N.J., and

Mr. Shelton C. Hemstreet, Secretary
The American Surety Co.
100 Broadway
New York City

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If you prefer more of a commercial reference, I would suggest Mr. W^m C. Veit,
Ass't Secy & Treas, The Trust Co. of N.J., Jersey City, N.J.
or Mr. Thomas L. Elder of The Elder Coin & Curio Corp.,
8 W 37th St. New York City.

Judge Heppenheimer, to whom I referred
you above, is my employer; and in this connec-
tion it might be well to add that my home
address is 23 Elmwood Ave, Maplewood, N.J.
My residence in Saranac Lake will termi-
nate with the recovery of my health, but
in the interim the latter is more direct as a
mailing address.

Thanking you for your courtesy
and kind consideration, I am

Yours very truly,
Charles F. Nettleship, Jr.



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May 6, 1931.

Mr. Sydney P. Noe, Secretary
The American Numismatic Society
Broadway Between 155th and 156th Sts.,
New York City

Dear Sir:

I can speak in only the highest terms of Mr. Charles F. Nettleship, Jr., concerning whom you make inquiry in your letter of May 5. In my opinion he will make an altogether desirable member of the American Numismatic Society. He is a man of splendid character, habits, financial and general standing.

If there is any further information you need, please let me know.

Yours very truly,

S. M. Hartnett

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JERSEY CITY, NEW JERSEY

ERNEST J. HEPPENHEIMER
PRESIDENT

May 7, 1931

Mr. Sidney P. Noe, Secretary,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway between 155-156 St.,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of May 5th, you are advised that Mr. Charles F. Nettleship, Jr., the son of our Vice President, is and has been for a number of years assistant to the president. He owns his own home in Maplewood, N. J., although at the present time he is temporarily residing in Saranac Lake.

I have no hesitancy in recommending him as a very desirable addition to your Society. If you desire any further information I shall be pleased to supply it upon request.

Yours very truly,



CHARLES F. NETTLESHIP, JR.
32 PARK AVENUE
SARANAC LAKE, NEW YORK

May 11th, 1931

Mr. Sydney P. Noe, Secretary
The American Numismatic Society
New York City.

Dear Mr. Noe,

The action of your Council in electing me to Associate Membership in the society is greatly appreciated by me, and I sincerely hope that when the time comes I may also assume a life of normal activity I can become an asset to the organization, rather than "sit on the side-lines," as I am compelled to do at present.

Enclosed please find my check for the amount indicated in your statement.

Thanking you for your kind offices in my behalf, I am

Yours very truly,

Charles F. Nettleship Jr.

CHARLES F. NETTLESHIP, JR.
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Mr. Sydney P. Moe, Secy
The American Numismatic Socy
New York City

June 7, 1931

Dear Mr. Moe,

It is my wish not to trouble
annoying to you, yet at the same time there
is some information I should like and
I am inclined to turn to you therefore.

Recently I received a pamphlet
on the Küchüls-Köhne Hoard. Desiring to
keep the same, what method is to be followed
in reimbursing the Society? And while I
am on the subject of pamphlets, I am en-
closing One Dollar and postage for which
I would be pleased to receive:

#12 Howland Wood. Gold Dollars of 1858. 1922 50¢
#45 Bauman L. Belden. A Mint in New York. 1930 50¢
In case either of these are out of print
#30 Edward J. Kenell. Some Unpublished Coins of
Eastern Dynasts. 1926 50¢, may be substituted.

Do you know of any period-
ical published in the U.S.A. relative

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to numismatics which ~~is~~ worth a subscription? Or perhaps it would be less embarrassing if I asked if you knew any which you would care to recommend. A friend of mine referred me to the Numismatic Chronicle of the Royal Numismatic Society of London, but I do not know if that publication may be subscribed to by others than members of that society or not. You could perhaps enlighten me on that point.

I sincerely regret that I have thus encroached upon your time and kindness, but my residence here limits me very decidedly in contacts with anyone informed upon such subjects.

Thanking you for your courtesy,

I am,

Yours very truly,

Charles F. Nettleship, Jr.

June 9, 1931.

Mr. Charles F. Nettleship, Jr.
32 Park Avenue
Saranac Lake, New York.

Dear Mr. Nettleship:

Yours of June 7th is at hand and I hope you will not apologize for taking my time, because I should be very glad to have you do just that. The Monograph which you received is one of a series of such publications. They are issued to a number of four or five each year and sent to members as a partial return for their dues. You will, therefore, receive others in the course of the year. The two which are being sent you, under separate cover, are part of this series.

Now as to your question regarding a periodical - the only thing of this kind is a monthly publication known as the "Numismatist". Mr. Frank G. Duffield, 4215 Fernhill Avenue, Baltimore, Md. is the editor of this publication. The subscription is only \$2.00 a year and it might seem worth that amount to you, although most of its articles are hardly such as would interest one who is beginning. For your aid in deciding whether or not you would want this, I am sending an extra copy which we have, along with the two Monographs you have ordered. This number gives the proceedings of the annual meeting of our Society, which will be effective in putting you in touch with the activities of our Society.

For some time, it has been part of our purpose to endeavor to stimulate interest in our subject by sending books from the library to responsible individuals, provided the books were not such as could not easily be replaced. Because you are interested in the coinage of our own country, I am wondering whether you would care to have us send you a book by Carothers called "Fractional Money." This was written by a professor at Lehigh University and published last year. It deals with a development of our coinage from an economic as well as numismatic standpoint and is perhaps the best introduction that could be placed in your hands.

The "Numismatic Chronicle" concerning which you ask is the organ of the Royal Numismatic Society. It is concerned largely with ancient coins and I am not at all sure whether you would be interested in that field. If you like, I can send you a specimen copy (from among our duplicates) and if I am mistaken in thinking that you might not be interested in the ancient field I can recommend another book, of which we have two copies, and second of which is intended for meeting just such a need as yours and this

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can be sent you on receipt of your reply. This volume is by Dr. George MacDonald and is called "Coin Types." It begins with the ancient coins but is not confined to them exclusively.

Because I know how much it will do for you to renew your interest in this subject, I hope you will write me fully and as frequently as occasion arises. You will understand that it is easier to help you along a line in which you are interested rather than to try to lead you to take an interest in a field with which you have had no contact in experience. I may have some further suggestions a little later, but, in the meantime, I shall be glad to have your reaction to what I have suggested herein.

Very sincerely yours,

SN:JG

Secretary

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32 PARK AVENUE
SARANAC LAKE, NEW YORK

June 13, 1931

Mr. Sydney P. Noy, Secy
The Amer. Numismatic Soc'y
New York City.

Dear Mr. Noy,

You most kind and comprehensive letter of June 9th arrived several days ago, but with the Saranac conservation of energy I delayed my reply until the Monographs and copy of the Numismatist had been received so that I might acknowledge their arrival at the same time, and such is now the case.

From a fairly close examination of The Numismatist, I would say that it was easily worth the \$2 investment. A question which naturally follows is, should I make application to the Amer. Num. Ass'n? Please do not get the idea that I am a chronic "joiner" of societies, but I have no objection to a moderate outlay which might be beneficial perhaps to both parties.

From your description of the works, I believe "Fractional Money" would prove very interesting to me. I probably have more time for reading now than I ever will

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have again, and I might as well employ it
usefully and entertainingly. Speaking of
books, I shall be grateful to you at my time
for suggestions along that line and I make it
a point to purchase a few every little while.
Other than catalogs, my only book of Saranac
Lake is Fred W. Burgess' "Clad on Old Coins",
with which you are doubtless familiar.

You deduce correctly that my chief
interest is in American issues, and I probably
will continue this, but I do not feel obliged
to limit my interest to that field even though
my funds shall likely be restricted to it.

For the present I think the "Numismatic
Chronicle" can be avoided; with what is at
hand and in the offing, I shall have
sufficient to occupy me for some little time
and I don't apprehend of having too many issues
in the fire at once.

Your copy of "The Nummatist" will
be returned in due course.

Please accept my appreciation of your
kindness and believe me,

Yours very truly

Charles F. Nettleship Jr.

32 Park Avenue,
Savannah, Ga., U.S.A.
July 10, 1931

Mr. Sydney P. Noe, Secretary
The American Numismatic Society.
Broadway at 186th St.
New York City.

Dear Mr. Noe,

Under date of June 13rd I wrote
stating that the copy of "The Numinatist" which
you so kindly loaned me would be returned
in due course, and it will be as soon as I am
in receipt of envelopes of a size to contain it.

Regarding Professor Canother's
books on "Fractional Money", I expect to have
a copy of my own before long and I shall
not have to avail myself of your offer. In
case it is to the advantage of the Society for
orders of numismatic books to be placed
through S., I shall be glad to follow that
procedure, otherwise I shall continue with
my own dealers (and enjoy the discount).

Acknowledging receipt of
Part II of "The Coinage of Metapontum", I am
enclosing my check and postage for a copy
of Part I of the same as I should like to
study them in conjunction with each other.

Recently I received a copy of
the catalogue of the A.N.S. exhibition of U.S.
and Colonial coins in 1914. It was very
interesting, particularly the Private Gold.

With kindest regards, I am,

Yours very truly,

Charles F. Nuttall Jr.

Enclosures.

July 13, 1931.

Mr. Charles F. Nettleship, Jr.
32 Park Avenue
Saranac Lake, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Nettleship:

Your letter is at hand, and, under separate cover, we are sending you the monograph "Metapontum Part I". I hope you will find it of interest. I note you are planning to obtain Prof. Carother's book and I believe you will find this a good investment. If you wish to follow up any of his references, we can, perhaps, supply them. There is no reason whatever for your placing your order through us. The United States private gold concerning which you speak is certainly one of the most interesting of the groups of our country's coinage and should you care to develop this lead, you will find Mr. Adam's book on the Issues for California very informing. It appeared in our Journal and I shall be glad to loan you the issues, if and when you care to have them. Please do not trouble to return the Numismatist; we have a number of duplicates and you are welcome to this copy. I shall be glad to learn of your reaction to Carother's book, partly to see whether it confirms my own impression and partly to learn whether it meets your own individual need. Do not hesitate to write at length and if there are any questions which prove troublesome, it may be a saving of time if you let us try to help you with them.

Very cordially yours,

SN:JC

Secretary

32 Park Avenue,
Saranac Lake, N.Y.
Sep 26, 1931

Mr. Sydney P. Noe, Secy
The American Numismatic Socy.
New York City.

Dear Mr. Noe,

Several months have elapsed since you so kindly wrote me, during which time I underwent a minor operation which I hope will materially lessen the time I am forced to spend here.

You offered to loan me copies of the A.N.S. Journal containing Mr. Adams' work on California Coinage, and I should like to see it, but I would prefer to await my return to N.Y. rather than assume responsibility for borrowed items while I am here. Is this material also available in book form?

You requested my reaction to Professor Canthar's book on Fractional Money. Speaking frankly, and perhaps without intelligence, I became greatly bored at times and progressed with conscious effort, despite the fact that the subject was of interest and further despite the fact that I am reasonably familiar with Economics and a text book style of presentation. Prof. Canthar has done an excellent piece of research, and it will doubtless rank high as a reference book; it is unfortunate it was not more popularized in style, as I feel this would have insured its wider circulation, which, as a subject of more than academic interest, it deserves.

The Society's latest monograph is excellent. Probably I enjoyed it particularly because it is more nearly within my scope. However I also enjoyed your Part I of Metapontum, which considerably added to my appreciation of Part II.

Please accept my thanks for your kind letters, and please do not judge my thanks by my erratic correspondence.

Yours very truly,

Charles F. Netter, Jr.

October 8, 1931.

Mr. Charles F. Nettleship, Jr.
32 Park Avenue
Saranac Lake, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Nettleship:

Your letter of September 26th came during my absence on vacation. Regarding Mr. Adams work on the California Coinage published in the American Journal, there will be very little responsibility attached to your having these issues because we have a considerable file of the Journal for the year in which it appeared. There need be no hesitancy on your part, therefore, in accepting a loan of these numbers of the Journal, and, if there is prospect of your having more time at present than you may in the future, that alone would be a good reason for our sending them to you. If you care to have them, will you please let us know.

I am glad to learn of the improvement of which your letter speaks indirectly. When you do get back to New Jersey, I hope we shall have the pleasure of greeting you here.

Very truly yours,

SN:JG

Secretary

St. Marks Church
Warren, N.Y.

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Goodbye, &
Send me

October 13, 1931.

Mr. Charles F. Nettleship, Jr.
32 Park Avenue
Saranac Lake, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Nettleship:

Responding to yours of October 12th, I am sending you, under separate cover, the numbers of our Journal containing Mr. Adam's articles, at the total cost of \$4.00. I hope they will prove worth this sum to you, but, I would suggest your examining them carefully, to make sure that you will find them ultimately useful, before you pay for them. There is not the slightest objection to your retaining them indefinitely and returning them when you are through with them, without paying for them.

I shall keep you in mind regarding further books that may be of interest to you - I just saw a brief review of a volume called "The Forty-iners" compiled from the note-books of a number of gold seekers. I should judge that this was hardly numismatic, but there must have been plenty of local color in the accounts of the mining camps and such books help to explain the cruelty of some of the gold issues.

With cordial regards,

SN:JG

Secretary

32 Park Avenue,
Saranac Lake, N.Y.
Oct. 19, 1931

Mr. Sydney P. Noe, Secretary
The Amer. Numismatic Soc'y
Broadway at 156 E St.
New York City.

Dear Mr. Noe,

Enclosed is my check to the order of the Society in the amount of Four Dollars, for the eight issues of the 1911 and 1912 Journal containing Mr. Adams' articles. While I appreciate your willingness to loan the copies to me for perusal, nevertheless, judging from those articles I have already read, I would prefer to "own them in fee".

In reading the list of members at that time I was not surprised to find Dr. Wm S. Darrow of Newark. Dr. Darrow was the first person who ever set eyes on me, and I was one of the last to see him. I do not know how he compared with specialists in numismatics, but the catholicity of his tastes as a collector was remarkable, and I believe the Newark Museum published a monograph on that subject. Please pardon this personal reminiscence, but the name of a friend stirs up in us something which goes very deep.

I shall be pleased to have your suggestions as to reading matter and I can probably read to better effect the more it will be my good fortune to return to active life. If this place has disadvantages, at least it has no distractions.

Thanking you for your kind words and with personal regards,

Yours truly,
Charles T. McAdoo Jr.

October 20, 1931.

Mr. Charles F. Nettleship, Jr.
32 Park Avenue
Saranac Lake, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Nettleship:

Thank you for your note and the check. I was interested in your remarks about Dr. Disbrow. I did not have the pleasure of knowing him. He must have been active before I was connected with the Society. I hope you will get some satisfaction out of reading Mr. Adams' article and if I can be of further help please do not hesitate to call upon me.

Very truly yours,

SN:JG

Secretary

32 Park Avenue,
Saratoga Lake, N.Y.
Dec. 8, 1931

Mr. Sydney P. Moe, Secy
The Amer. Numismatic Socy
Broadway at 156th St.
New York City.

Dear Mr. Moe,

In a letter to me you suggested, some weeks ago, that I read "Forty-Niners" as a possible source of collateral history on the subject of Private Gold Coinage in California. I did so, enjoyed it very much and in turn am suggesting two other books closely related. The first has been well advertised and deals with Colorado:

"Here They Dug the Gold" by Geo. F. Willison published by Brentano's, N.Y., \$4.

The second is contemporary with the gold rush, is highly interesting (to me), and is a veritable handbook for those engaged in the collection of Western express frankls:

"The Pioneer Miner and the Pack Mule Express" by Ernest A. Wiltsee published by the California Historical Society, San Francisco, \$4.

This latter publication contains a rather unfortunate error with regard to the year of establishing the mint at Dahlonega, but the author appears to have painstakingly checked his California dates.

Either of these books is at
your disposal should you care to see
them, though it sounds presumptuous
to offer you such with a library at
your hand.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours very truly,

Charles F. Netterfield Jr.

December 11, 1931.

Mr. Charles F. Nettleship, Jr.
32 Park Avenue
Saranac Lake, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Nettleship:

Rebated
Thank you very much indeed for your letter of December 8th. I am glad to have your reaction to the two books you commend. Your letter is a fine demonstration of the omniscience which so many of our members attribute to us. I had not seen the two volumes you cite and I shall add them to our list of desiderata for next year's purchases. We are so often greeted with the statement that presumably the numismatics of our country has been associated by the study that has been put upon it not to welcome such a letter as yours with its evident reflection of the satisfaction you have had in following up one of the phases of our coinage history. There is still some work to be done with the beginnings of the mint, as the Rittenhouse celebration at Philadelphia this year has demonstrated. The great difficulty is, of course, that most of our numismatists have neither the time nor the training for going into such questions intensively.

Have you ever read Thucydides' History? This is a far cry from the former subject but it is mighty good reading.

Very sincerely yours,

SM:JG

Secretary

32 Park Avenue,
Saranac Lake, N.Y.
Dec. 14, 1931

Mr. Sydney P. Noe, Secy.,
The Amer. Numismatic Socy.,
Broadway at 156th St.,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Noe,

In response to the question in your letter of Dec. 11th, I must admit that I have no acquaintance with Thucydides' Greek history. For that matter I have never read either Herodotus or Plutarch, but I am firmly resolved to do so — in English, of course. It was not until I was forced to come here that I realized how ignorant a college graduate could be. The past year here has meant more to me than my four undergraduate years.

Neither of the books to which I referred in my letter of the 8th contain much in numismatic lore. I suggested them purely for their collateral history.

Thank you for the Thucydides reference. I shall read it in due course. At present I am engrossed in Epictetus, the Thomas Wentworth Higginson edition. I try to vary my "diet", and find it works better.

Yours very truly,

Charles F. Nettership, Jr.